

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

V.

MEDTRONIC, PLC,
Garnishee,

and

JACQUELINE JOHNSON,
Defendant.

Civil Docket No.: _____
(Reference Case No.: 04-20367-01-MA)

APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF GARNISHMENT

The United States of America applies to the Clerk of the United States District Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3205(b)(1), for a Writ of Garnishment upon the Judgment entered on March 8, 2005 in Case No. 04-20367-01-MA against the defendant judgment debtor, Jacqueline Johnson (“Defendant”), whose social security number is ***-**-3733 and whose last known address is 4556 Whitewood Cove, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Court awarded the United States a judgment for restitution and a special assessment against Defendant in the amount of \$38,880.00. There is a balance due of \$35,338.00.

Demand for payment of the above-stated debt was made upon Defendant not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this application, but Defendant has failed to satisfy this debt.

The Garnishee is believed to owe or will owe money to Defendant, or is in possession of property of Defendant, in which Defendant has a substantial non-exempt interest.

The name and address of the Garnishee or Garnishee's authorized agent is:

Medtronic, PLC
Attn: Payroll – Garnishments
710 Medtronic Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55432

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN G. RITZ
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

By: /s/M. Jason Martin
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APPLICATION GRANTED:

Dated: _____

WENDY OLIVER, CLERK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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WRIT OF GARNISHMENT

TO THE GARNISHEE: Medtronic, PLC
Attn: Payroll – Garnishments
710 Medtronic Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55432

An Application for a Writ of Garnishment against the property of the defendant judgment debtor, Jacqueline Johnson (“Defendant”), has been filed with this Court. The Court has entered a judgment against Defendant in the amount of \$38,880.00. The balance due on the Judgment as of June 4, 2024 is \$35,338.00.

You are required to withhold and retain any property in which Defendant has a substantial nonexempt interest and for which you are or may become indebted to Defendant, beginning from the date you were served with these papers, pending further order of the Court.

You are required by law to answer in writing, under oath, within ten (10) days of service of this Writ. Your answer must include the following:

- (A) whether you have custody, control, or possession of any property (including nonexempt, disposable earnings) in which Defendant has a substantial nonexempt interest;
- (B) a description of such property and the value of such interest;
- (C) a description of any previous garnishments to which such property is subject and the extent to which any remaining property is not exempt; and
- (D) the amount of the debt you anticipate owing to Defendant in the future and whether the period for payment will be weekly or another specified period.

You must file the original written Answer to this Writ with the Court within ten (10) days of your receipt of this Writ by mailing it to the following address:

Clerk, U.S. District Court
Western District of Tennessee
167 N. Main Street, Suite 242
Memphis, TN 38103

You must also serve a copy of your answer upon Defendant by mailing it to Defendant's last known address:

Jacqueline Johnson
4556 Whitewood Cove
Memphis, Tennessee 38109

and upon counsel for the United States by mailing it to:

M. Jason Martin
U.S. Attorney's Office
Financial Litigation Unit
167 N. Main Street, Suite 800
Memphis, TN 38103

Under the law, there is property that is exempt from this Writ of Garnishment. A list of exempt property is included in the attached Clerk's Notice of Garnishment.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1674, a Garnishee is prohibited from discharging a defendant from employment by reason of the fact that his earnings have been subject to garnishment.

If you fail to answer this Writ or to withhold property in accordance with this Writ, the United States may petition the Court for an Order requiring you to appear before the Court. If you

fail to appear or do appear and fail to show good cause why you failed to comply with this Writ, the Court may enter a judgment against you for the value of Defendant's nonexempt interest in such property.

It is unlawful to pay or deliver to Defendant any item attached by this Writ.

Dated: _____

WENDY OLIVER, CLERK
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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GARNISHEE

Attached is a Writ of Garnishment requesting that you determine whether you have in your possession, custody, or control any of the property or funds of the defendant judgement debtor, Jacqueline Johnson, (“Defendant”) listed therein, or any other property of Defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 3205(c)(2)(E) requires that **you file a written Answer within (ten) 10 days of your receipt of this Writ with the Court and serve a copy of the Answer upon Defendant and counsel for the United States.** You are further required to withhold and retain any property or funds in which Defendant has a substantial non-exempt interest.

1. AMOUNT GARNISHED. The amount garnished includes the principal amount of the debt plus costs and interest, if applicable.
2. AMOUNT WITHHELD. Under federal law, 15 U.S.C. § 1673(a), you should withhold each pay period:
 - (a) 25% of disposable earnings each week, or
 - (b) the amount by which disposable earnings for the week exceed thirty times the federal minimum hourly wage,whichever is less.

3. "DISPOSABLE EARNINGS" means that part of earnings remaining after deduction of any amount required by law to be withheld (such as amount of deductions for social security taxes and withholding taxes, but not court ordered alimony and child support payments which must be included in "disposable earnings"). *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1672(b); First National Bank v. Hasty, 415 F. Supp.170 (E.D. Mich. 1976), *affirmed* 573 F.2d 1310 (6th Cir. 1977) (Table).
 4. No check should be mailed until the Final Order of Garnishment is received. Please ensure that you withhold the funds in accordance with this Writ, but do not remit those monies until you receive the final Order of Garnishment.
 5. Once you receive the Final Order of Garnishment, mail your check payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court to:

Clerk, U.S. District Court
167 N. Main Street, Suite 242
Memphis, TN 38103
- Indicate on each remittance your employee's name and the criminal case number so that proper credit will be given.
6. DISBURSEMENT OF WITHHELD AMOUNTS. Each pay period, amounts withheld should be remitted to the Clerk, U.S. District Court.
 7. If you fail to answer this Writ or to withhold property in accordance with the Writ, the Court may make you liable for that amount of Defendant's property that you failed to withhold. Additionally, you may be held liable for a reasonable attorney fee if the United States files a petition with the Court requesting an explanation for your failure to comply with this Writ.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Sierra J. Rouyea via email at Sierra.Rouyea@usdoj.gov or at 901-969-2993, or write to: U.S. Attorney's Office, Financial Litigation Unit, 167 N. Main Street, Suite 800, Memphis, TN 38103.

(7) Garnishee pays Defendant:

___ Weekly; ___ Bi-weekly; ___ Semi-monthly; ___ Monthly

(8) Itemize Defendant's wages below:

(a) Gross Pay \$ _____

(b) Federal Income Tax \$ _____

(c) F.I.C.A. Income Tax \$ _____

(d) State Income Tax \$ _____

(e) City/Local Income Tax \$ _____

Total of tax withholdings \$ _____

Disposable Earnings \$ _____

{Line (a) less total of Lines (b, c, d, e)}

(f) 25% of disposable earnings \$ _____

or

The amount by which disposable earnings exceed thirty times the federal minimum hourly wage, \$ _____

whichever is less.

(9) Have there been previous garnishments that are presently in effect, including, but not limited to, child support and alimony?

___ Yes; ___ No If yes, describe below.

- C. The Garnishee has custody, control, or possession of the following property (other than disposable earnings indicated above) in which Defendant maintains an interest described below:

<u>Description of Property</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>	<u>Description of Defendant's Interest in Property</u>
1. _____	\$ _____	_____
2. _____	\$ _____	_____
3. _____	\$ _____	_____
4. _____	\$ _____	_____

- D. Garnishee anticipates owing to Defendant in the future, the following amounts from wages or other compensation:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Estimate Date or Period Due</u>
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____

- E. Does Garnishee assert any objections, defenses, or set offs to the United States' right to garnishment?

____ Yes; ____ No If yes, describe below.

- F.** Garnishee mailed the original of this answer by first-class mail to the Clerk of the United States District Court, 167 N. Main Street, Suite 242, Memphis, TN 38103, and mailed a copy of this answer by first-class mail to (1) Defendant at the last known address listed in the Writ; and (2) the attorney for the United States, M. Jason Martin, Assistant U.S. Attorney, 167 N. Main Street, Suite 800, Memphis, TN 38103.

Signature

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

Address of Garnishee:

Phone Number w/Area Code: (____) _____

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CLERK'S NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT

You are hereby notified that a garnishment is being taken by the United States of America, which has a judgment against you in the amount of \$38,880.00, as a result of a criminal judgment in Case No. 04-20367-01-MA in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. As of June 4, 2024, a balance of \$35,338.00 remains outstanding.

In addition, you are hereby notified that there are exemptions under the law that may protect some of this property from being taken by the United States if you can show that the exemptions apply. Below is a summary of the exemptions that apply to the enforcement of judgments for criminal fines and restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3613:

- (1) Wearing apparel and schoolbooks. --Such items of wearing apparel and such schoolbooks as are necessary for the debtor or for members of his family. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(1).
- (2) Fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects. --So much of the fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects in the debtor's household, and of the arms for personal use, livestock, and poultry of the debtor, as does not exceed **\$11,390** in value. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(2), (g).

(3) Books and tools of a trade, business, or profession. --So many of the books and tools necessary for the trade, business, or profession of the debtor as do not exceed in the aggregate **\$5,700** in value. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(3), (g).

(4) Unemployment benefits. --Any amount payable to an individual with respect to his unemployment (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under an unemployment compensation law of the United States, of any State, or of the District of Columbia or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(4).

(5) Undelivered mail. --Mail, addressed to any person, which has not been delivered to the addressee. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(5).

(6) Certain annuity and pension payments. --Annuity or pension payments under the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, special pension payments received by a person whose name has been entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor roll (38 U.S.C. 1562), and annuities based on retired or retainer pay under chapter 73 of title 10 of the United States Code. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(6).

(7) Workmen's compensation. --Any amount payable to an individual as workmen's compensation (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under a workmen's compensation law of the United States, any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(7).

(8) Judgments for support of minor children. --If the debtor is required by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, entered prior to the date of levy, to contribute to the support of his minor children, so much of his salary, wages, or other income as is necessary to comply with such judgment. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(8).

(9) Certain service-connected disability payments. --Any amount payable to an individual as a service-connected (within the meaning of section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) disability benefit under-- (A) subchapter II, III, IV, V, or VI of chapter 11 of such title 38, or (B) chapter 13, 21, 23, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, or 39 of such title 38. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(10).

(10) Assistance under Job Training Partnership Act. --Any amount payable to a participant under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) from funds appropriated pursuant to such Act. 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(12).

You have a right to ask the Court to return your property if you think the property the Government is taking qualifies under one of the above exemptions or if you think you do not owe the debt to the Government that is says you do. If you want a hearing, you must notify the Court.

Within 20 days after you receive this notice, your request must be in writing, and you may use the attached form to request the hearing. You must either mail it or deliver it in person to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at 167 N. Main Street, Suite 242, Memphis, TN 38103. You must also send a copy of your request to the Government at the United States Attorney's Office, Financial Litigation Unit, 167 N. Main Street, Suite 800, Memphis, TN 38103, so the Government will know you want a hearing. Not all requests are granted. If you are entitled to a hearing, it may take place within 5 days after the Clerk receives your request, if you ask for it to take place that quickly, or as soon after that as possible. The Court will issue an order advising you of the date, time, and place of any hearing scheduled.

If you are granted a hearing, you may explain to the judge why you believe the property the Government has taken is exempt or why you think you do not owe the money to the Government.

If you think you live outside the Federal judicial district in which the Court is located, you may request, not later than 20 days after you receive this notice, that this proceeding to take your property be transferred by the Court to the Federal judicial district in which you reside. You must make your request in writing and either mail or deliver it in person to the Clerk of the United States District Court at 167 N. Main Street, Suite 242, Memphis, TN 38103. You must also send a copy of your request to the Government at the United States Attorney's Office, Financial Litigation Unit, 167 N. Main Street, Suite 800, Memphis, TN 38103, so the Government will know you want the proceeding transferred.

You may use the attached form to claim an exemption and to request a hearing or transfer. Be sure to keep a copy of this notice for your own records. If you have any questions about your

rights or about this procedure, you should contact a lawyer, an office of public legal assistance, or the Clerk of the Court.

The Clerk is not permitted to give legal advice but can refer you to other sources of information.

Dated: _____

WENDY OLIVER, CLERK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Address:

Email:

Home Phone: ()

Work Phone: ()

NOTE: You must send a copy of this form to:

Clerk, United States District Court
167 N. Main Street, Suite 242
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFENDANT FOR OBJECTING TO
THE ANSWER OF GARNISHEE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Garnishment was issued based upon a Judgment entered against you on March 8, 2005. The Garnishment was served on Medtronic, PLC, Garnishee, and it is believed that the Garnishee may have property of yours in its custody, possession, or control.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless within twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of the Answer of the Garnishee, you file a written Objection to explain why you object to the completed Answer of the Garnishee served upon you, and request a hearing, a Court Order will be entered attaching the funds or property and the funds or property will be applied against the Judgment owed to the United States of America.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3205, the Objection must state your reasons for the objection, and you bear the burden of proving the stated grounds.

Any objection that you file to contest the Answer of the Garnishee must be filed with:

Clerk, U.S. District Court
167 N. Main Street, Suite 242
Memphis, TN 38103

A copy of the Objection or other pleadings must also be served on:

United States Attorney's Office
Financial Litigation Unit
167 N. Main Street, Suite 800
Memphis, TN 38103

and

Medtronic, PLC
Attn: Payroll – Garnishments
710 Medtronic Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55432

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVICE AS TO THE MEANING OF THIS NOTICE.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

The United States of America, a judgment creditor herein, certifies that on the date shown below the following documents were mailed to Defendant at Defendant's last known address and to Garnishee:

1. Application for Writ of Garnishment
2. Writ of Garnishment
3. Instructions to the Garnishee
4. Form for “Answer of the Garnishee”
5. Clerk’s Notice of Garnishment
6. Claim for Exemptions, Request for Hearing, and/or Request for Transfer
7. Instructions to Defendant for Objecting to the Answer of Garnishee

DATE: June 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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